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YWCA

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the YWCA USA as they celebrate their 160th anniversary.

With a mission that is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all, the YWCA is exactly the kind of organization we need today. It provides leadership development programs for young women in topics ranging from economic empowerment to engaging young girls in STEM fields.

From its humble beginnings, the YWCA now operates 1,300 program sites across 47 States and the District of Columbia, serving over 2 million women, girls, and their families. It has been at the forefront of social progress, from civil rights to voting rights, to equal pay, to healthcare reform.

It is currently the largest network of providers to help victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. In my district, the YWCA in San Gabriel Valley serves nearly 4,000 people, annually, through its domestic violence program called WINGS.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the YWCA for 160 years of great work.

RECOGNIZING CARL WEATHERS

(Mr. ARRINGTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a remarkable man and a fellow west Texan, retired Texas Ranger Captain Carl A. Weathers, who passed away recently.

Captain Weathers devoted his life's work to serving his country and my home State of Texas first as a soldier in the United States Army, and then with an over 40-year career in Texas law enforcement, beginning as a State trooper and rising to the rank of captain in the Texas Rangers.

Throughout their long and storied history, the Rangers have remained the best of the best in Texas law enforcement. Captain Weathers carried out the Texas Rangers' legacy in true west Texas fashion: with integrity, courage, and service to his fellow man.

Along with his dedication to the Texas Rangers, Carl was a devoted husband and family man.

To Carl's family, I join you in celebrating a life well-lived and trusting that he has heard those beautiful and powerful words from our glorious creator: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

RECOGNIZING FORMER U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCE ZEID RA'AD AL HUSSEIN

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary work of the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, who left his post on September 1. His tireless efforts enabled him to become a voice for those who found themselves defenseless against those who abuse the human rights of others in order to gain and maintain power.

High Commissioner Zeid was very helpful during the debate over the passage of H. Res. 128, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia. He not only publicly endorsed the resolution, but sent a representative during the critical negotiations to bring H. Res. 128 to the floor of the United States House of Representatives for a vote.

Mr. Speaker, former United Nations High Commissioner Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein will forever be remembered by the Ethiopian people for his role in the passage of H. Res. 128.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, as I travel through my district, the women of Orange County have expressed their support for policies that safeguard women and children, including the Violence Against Women Act. As the mother of two daughters, I share their support for this legislation and care deeply about ensuring the safety of all women.

For 24 years, the Violence Against Women Act has provided lifesaving services for survivors of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

While I am pleased we passed a short-term extension of the Violence Against Women Act, we must work together towards a long-term reauthorization that will allow us to continue to protect and support survivors. We owe it to survivors to ensure this law remains in place, and I will continue to work to make this happen.

RECOGNIZING INDUCTEES OF THE ARKANSAS BLACK HALL OF FAME

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to congratulate the six Arkansans in the 2018 class of inductees of the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. This year's inductees include:

Kevin Cole, a celebrated painter, printmaker, and sculptor;

Brent Jennings, a prolific award-winning actor and director;

Lieutenant General Aundre Piggee, U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for logistics at the Pentagon;

Darrell Walker, a former NBA player and current men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;

Mary Louise Williams, a legendary educator and political leader; and

Florence Price, the first African American woman recognized as a symphonic composer and to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize these six Arkansans who will join the Hall of Fame's more than 140 members for their lasting contributions to our communities and our State. I congratulate these inductees who exemplify the spirit and dedication behind this fine honor.

THANKING ARMY SPECIALIST RYAN WILCOX AND HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, Army Specialist Ryan Wilcox heroically served our Nation in two combat tours.

Specialist Wilcox first deployed to Iraq as a combat engineer with the 479th Engineer Battalion. In 2007, he suffered a gunshot wound to his leg at that time.

In 2012, he returned to Active Duty in Afghanistan with the 444th Engineer Battalion. During this tour, he suffered chronic pain resulting, ultimately, in the amputation of his right leg.

Now retired, Specialist Wilcox is looking to start a new life in upstate New York with his fiancée, Sara, and their two children, Nicholas and Juliana.

This Saturday, a terrific organization known as Homes for Our Troops will donate a specially adapted home in Mexico, New York, for Specialist Wilcox and his family. This home will allow him to navigate easily throughout his home so he can focus more on his family, finishing college, and continuing his work to help fellow veterans in need.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Specialist Wilcox for his heroic service to our Nation, as well as honoring, congratulating, and thanking Homes for Our Troops for helping transform the lives of our Nation's heroes like Ryan Wilcox and his family.

HONORING MURRAY WATSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Murray Watson, Jr., of Mart, Texas, who passed away on July 24, 2018.

Murray was born in 1932 in Mart, Texas, to Murray Watson, Sr., and Ethel Bryson Watson. He graduated from Mart High School in 1949, from Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in 1952, and a juris doctorate from Baylor in 1954. In 1957, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. In 1963, he was elected to the Texas Senate, where he served for 10 years.

During his lifetime in elected office, Murray was involved in crafting and passing many pieces of influential legislation, including the establishment of what is now known as Texas State Technical College, a vocational school based in Waco, with campuses all across our State. Murray served as the school's general counsel, and the Watson family's contributions to the school are significant. Both Murray and his wife have buildings named in their honor on the TSTC campus in Waco.

His passion for education extended long after his retirement from politics. He took a leading role in founding the Brazos Higher Education Authority and Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation, Inc., to help students fund their education. He also served as a trustee of the McLennan Community College Foundation. In 2017, he was named Baylor Lawyer of the Year for his commitment to education and his philanthropic spirit.

Murray was a member of the Rotary Club of Waco, the Austin Avenue Methodist Church, the Baylor Masonic Lodge, the Waco Scottish Rite Consistory, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Baylor Law Alumni Association, the Baylor Bear Foundation, and the Baylor Founders Club.

While Murray was committed to serving others, his role as a family man was the pride of his life. He allowed nothing to come between him and his family, including Greta, his wife of nearly 59 years, two children, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. Murray also owned and operated the family's ranch and historic feed store in Mart, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, Murray's life was defined by his service to those all around him. He worked tirelessly to better our community and families all across America. He will be forever remembered as a selfless servant, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend to hundreds.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Watson family. We also lift up the family and friends of Murray Watson, Jr., in our prayers.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol to honor the life and legacy of Murray Watson, Jr.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women, and for our first responders.

HONORING SHERIFF DAVID GREENE

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Milam County Sheriff David Greene of Cameron, Texas, who passed away on July 20, 2018.

Sheriff Greene was born in 1952 in Sherman, Texas, to Oscar and Marguerite Greene. In 1996, he married Janell Rene Morin. He had three sons and was blessed with three grandsons.

Sheriff Greene dedicated his life to public service in Texas. He served as a game warden for the Texas Park and Wildlife Service for almost 30 years before becoming a Milam County constable. In 2008, David was elected Milam County sheriff and was re-elected for two additional 4-year terms.

Sheriff Greene went well beyond the call of duty in 2010 by establishing the Milam County Sheriff's Office Brown Santa program to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Milam County. This year's fundraiser was held just 8 days after Sheriff Greene's passing and was the largest in the event's history, a testament to Sheriff Greene's character and his impact on Milam County.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Greene's life was defined by his service to those around him. He worked tirelessly to better our community. He will be forever remembered as a selfless public servant, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Greene family. We also lift up the family and friends of Sheriff David Greene in our prayers.

I requested that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol to honor the life and legacy of Sheriff David Greene.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING OLIVE DELUCIA

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Olive DeLucia of Bryan, Texas, who passed away on August 12, 2018.

Olive was born on June 16, 1924, in Audubon, New Jersey. As a young woman during World War II, she served in the United States Naval Reserve in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, more commonly known as the WAVES program.

In 1958, she moved with her husband and two sons to Bryan-College Station, Texas. Once in Texas, Olive made a career working for Texas A&M University for 30 years. While working for The Association of Former Students, our alumni association, she served as the director of class programs and later oversaw the Traveling Aggies program, which gave her the ability to visit all seven continents. She was thanked for her service to the university with the President's Distinguished Service Award and was named as a Fish Camp namesake.

Even though she was only about 5 feet tall, she had immense wisdom. I

remember the days that she would give me that look and tell me what I had done wrong or how to do things better, and I always paid attention to what Olive DeLucia told me to do.

Mr. Speaker, Olive's life was defined by her service to those around her. Her life enriched the lives of many. She will be forever remembered as a selfless servant, an Aggie, a mother, a grandmother, and a dear friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the entire DeLucia family. We also lift up the family and friends of Olive DeLucia in our prayers.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol to honor the life and legacy of Olive DeLucia.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who protect us overseas, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING GEORGE BOYETT

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Boyett of College Station, Texas, who passed away on September 7, 2018.

George was born in 1935 and was a native of the Brazos Valley. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1953 and attended Texas A&M University. At Texas A&M, he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, the Ross Volunteers, and the swim team.

In 1957, he married his wife, Gaytha, at the Texas A&M All Faiths Chapel.

Upon graduation in 1958, he served our country in the United States Army for 6 years before returning to College Station while continuing to serve in the Army Reserve.

George was a successful businessman, forming local firms and companies before he was elected as a Brazos County justice of the peace in 1988. His precincts were redistricted and renumbered many times throughout his tenure, but he most recently served as the justice of the peace in precinct 3, which included much of the Texas A&M campus, before retiring in 2015.

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During his career as a judge, George taught at the National Judicial College and the Texas Department of Public Safety. He also served as a reserve sheriff's deputy for the Burleson County Sheriff's Office and as an associate judge for the city of College Station.

His dedication to public service went far beyond law enforcement and the judiciary system. George was a dedicated volunteer within the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America.

After becoming an Eagle Scout as a young man, George continued his involvement in the Boy Scouts, serving at the troop, district, and council levels. He was awarded the Silver Buffalo by the Sam Houston Area Council and the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for his work in Boy Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, George's life was defined by his selfless service to those

around him. He worked tirelessly to better our community through his capacity as a judge and his involvement with the Boy Scouts. He will be forever remembered as a selfless servant, a mentor, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and a friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Boyett family. We also lift up the family and friends of George Boyett in our prayers.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol to honor the life and legacy of George Boyett.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who serve us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING MARY FAY LUCAS ARNOLD

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Fay Lucas Arnold of Bryan, Texas, who passed away on November 29, 2017.

Mary was born in east Texas on November 17, 1920, to William and Cora Terrell. In 1943, in the midst of World War II, Mary decided to serve her Nation by joining the Women's Army Corps. A few months later, she met William Everett "Bill" Lucas, and they married in January of 1944.

After the war, Bill's work took him, Mary, and their family to live in Haiti, Venezuela, and College Station, Texas. Upon retirement, Bill and Mary moved to Bryan, Texas.

Bill passed away in 1972, and Mary later married T.H. "John" Arnold.

Mary was active in serving the Bryan-College Station community. She was the assistant credit manager at Sears in Bryan and was one of the two oldest living members of the First Baptist Church in College Station. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and belonged to the American Legion and the VFW Auxiliary.

Mr. Speaker, Mary's life was defined by her selfless service to those around her. She was loved by her community and, certainly, left an enduring legacy. She will be forever remembered as a veteran, community leader, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and a dear friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Lucas and Arnold families. We also lift up the family and friends of Mary Fay Lucas Arnold in our prayers.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol to honor the life and legacy of Mary Arnold.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who serve us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING BOB BEAMON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James Robert Beamon of Edge, Texas, who turned 100 years old on September 15, 2018.

Mr. Beamon, who is known as Bob to his friends, was born in Eufala, Ala-

bama. His family moved to Goliad, Texas, when he was 2 years old. In true Texas style, he would ride his horse to school with his younger brother.

As a young man in the 1930s, he attended a house dance, where he met Annie Juanita Clifton. Annie and Bob were married on December 13, 1937, and were married for 74 years.

At the outbreak of World War II, Bob was drafted into military service. Although he could have opted to defer, Bob went on to serve in the United States Navy as a gunner for the PB4Y-2 Privateer patrol plane in the 106th Squadron, the Fighting Wolverines. Bob flew 17 missions for the Navy in the war's Pacific theater before returning to the United States.

After his service, he came home and raised five children with Annie, four sons and one daughter. He worked for more than 60 years in the painting business and eventually owned his own company.

Now retired, Bob enjoys making Wahoo game boards for his family, visiting military museums, and, until recently, enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Recently, Bob celebrated his 100th birthday with dozens of friends and several generations of his family. He recounted many stories from his military service days and played with his great-grandson, Rage, who turned 1 year old also on September 15.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Bob on this joyous occasion, and I know that his family and friends love him and are proud of him. I wish him many more years of health and happiness.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the United States Capitol to honor Bob Beamon's 100th birthday.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and women who serve us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING AIR MED 12

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CHI St. Joseph's Hospital Air Med 12 team for their outstanding achievements in providing lifesaving services for residents of the Brazos Valley.

In May of 2005, PHI Air Medical formed Air Med 12, the first air medical program to serve the Brazos Valley. Prior to this time, the only air medical support was available from Houston, with response times of more than an hour.

For patients in the Brazos Valley, such wait times made air medical support an unrealistic solution to their health emergencies. PHI partnered with St. Joseph's Hospital, which was looking to expand services within their trauma center.

Just a few months later, in August 2005, Air Med 12 would lead a group of four helicopters into New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. These would be the first civilian medical helicopters in the city after the storm passed. Subse-

quent hurricane response teams have used Air Med 12's leadership and example to improve medical care for storm survivors.

Disaster response is not the only way Air Med 12 has revolutionized air medical support. In 2008, three members of the Air Med 12 team were tragically lost in an accident outside of Huntsville. Since that loss, the Air Med 12 team has become involved in improving safety standards for all air medical support that include increased weather minimums, the use of night vision goggles on every flight, and national collaboration amongst air medical providers.

Air Med 12 has shaped more than just air medical support in the Brazos Valley. Their group values development of clinical education and collaboration with the Texas A&M College of Medicine's School of Rural Public Health and College of Nursing have brought a high standard of healthcare across central Texas and the Brazos Valley.

The impact of Air Med 12 cannot be understated. In 2018 alone, they have transported 23 critical pediatric patients to specialty hospitals, administered 27 units of blood to patients either directly at the scene or at rural hospitals, and, in August, completed a record number of 48 flights in one month.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Air Med 12 and CHI St. Joseph's Hospital for the work they have done to provide the Brazos Valley with improved emergency medical care.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the United States Capitol to honor Air Med 12.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our military men and woman who serve us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

D.C. STATEHOOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, it is probably appropriate that you will be hearing on this last full day before the midterms about statehood for the District of Columbia. I am going to speak about why that is the appropriate way for us to go into midterms, as I represent 700,000 Americans who are number one—please remember this number—number one in taxes paid to support the Federal Government, but also have the distinction of having no final vote on this House floor and having no representation in the Senate of the United States.

It is very clear—if you want a history lesson, I am not going to offer that lesson in the time allotted to me this afternoon—but it is absolutely clear